NEWS LINERS.

Condensed for Rapid Reading.

since he was imprisoned, and today is be used. one of the most thoroughly read persons in English literature of his age to be found. He is hale and hearty, and of a sound mind barring his homicidal mania. But the prison authorities always keep a sharp eye on him.

The State of Pennsylvania owns 217 acres which include the inner line of earthworks at Valley Forge. The Centennial Association owns the building known as Washington's Headquarters, but there are something like twelve hundred acres in all, and the proposition of the Valley Forge National Park Association, which is composed of representatives of nearly all the patriotic societies in the United States, and having its headquarters in Philadelphia, is that the government shall acquire this land, restore the outer line of earthworks, and in general put the whole field into as near possible the condition that it was in in Revolutionary days. Arrangements could readily be made for transferring the Headquarters and the State property to the government.

A bill for the purchase of a bronze portrait statue of George Washington at a cost of \$17,500 to be placed in Statuary Hall at the Capitol is now before Congress. The bronze portrait statue question is regarded by experts as some thing of exceptional interest. The original of this bronze is the Houdon marble statue, which has stood in the quadrangle, or rotunda, of the State house i Richmond, Va., since 1796. Soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, the State of Virginia decreed a statue Washington, and Mr. Jefferson, then resident in Paris, secured the services Houdon, who came across the ocean Franklin, and visited where he executed his model. It is said to be the most realistic and lifelike representation of Washing ton extant.

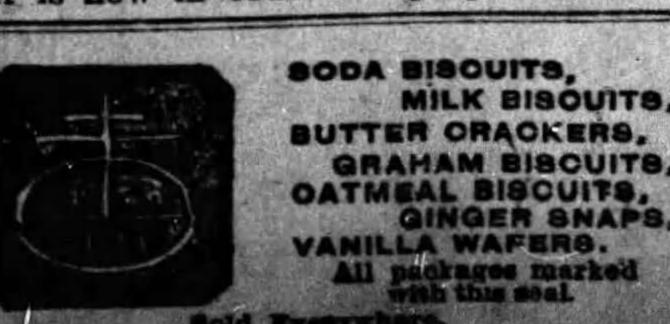
Through purchase by a wealthy resident of New York city, the valuable collection of minerals and meteorites gathered by Clarence S. Bement, of Philadelphia, and considered one of the finest of its kind in the country, has been shipsentation to the American Museum of Natural History. The Bement collection has been valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 and has long been coveted by museums in various parts of the country. As early as 1884 it attracted the attention of the Government, and a report was published that its purchase would place the National Museum at Washington on a par with many of the great ones Europe. The collection has increased 50 per cent. since that time, embracing in particular beautiful crystals of quartz, fluorspar, beryls, calcites, garnets, sulphurs, azurites, tourmalines, topazes emeralds, aquamarines, and a rare gem of hiddenite.

First Lieutenant Anita Newcomb Mc Gee, the only woman who ever held States resigned to take effect on the 31st of December. She was appointed acting assistant surgeon at the beginning of the Spanish war and has since had charge of the army nurse corps in the surgeonstraps and sword, but she is womanly city woman began. as well as beautiful, and never wore anything of the kind. In accepting her resupon her the warmest sort of a eulogy and offers her the thanks of the government for her faithful services, the excellent judgment and the executive ability she has shown. Dr. McGee is the daughter of Simon Newcomb, the astronome United States, and the wife of W. J. McGee, chief of the bureau of American ethnology.

The project of establishing a naval station at Port Royal, S. C., was undertaken 15 years ago, and a few years later Con- into it, or perhaps only one square if the gress appropriated \$500,000 for the largest dry dock then authorized for the navy. Port Royal was strongly defended by the army, and its coast-defense guns were considered capable of protecting any ships that might take refuge in the harbor during war time. After the dock was | cloth, dark or light in color, as it happens built, some one found that no large warship could approach it without extreme balls, ready for the weaving. The after near the entrance to the sills, and that the spring tides were liable to leave vessel of the battleship class high and dry, unless she escaped in time. Then thousands of dollars were expended in dredging a channel, and this work has been going on until the last year, when operations were abandoned. Now it intended to make Charleston the leading naval station south of Norfolk, and board which considered the question abandoning Port Royal has reported favor of the plan.

lnaugural Ball Souvenir.

The souvenir which it is intended shall e presented to each purchaser of ticket to the grand inaugural ball of March 4 next at Washington, will in every way be one of the most attractive and valuable, it is declared, ever issued enir is now in course of preparation, all kill the fatted calf now?"



It will be a handsomely bound book about eight by eleven inches in size and containing forty leaves of white paper. The volume will contain half-tone portraits of all the Presidents of the United States from the time of George Washington down to President McKinley. The half tones will be executed on creens of the Newspaper readers whose memory runs finest mesh and will be of exceptional clergyman of the Unitarian church, does backward a quarter of a century have not quality. These portraits will be printed not share in the cheerful doctrines that forgotten Jesse Pomeroy, the Massachu- on sheets of glazed paper, and opposite professing his faith. He looks on setts boy murderer. The newspapers to each portrait will be printed a brief late century as a waste of time and does about were full of stories of his crimes and of account of the inaugural ceremonies at not believe that we advanced during that his perverted nature when he was first tending the taking of office by that par- period. We did not produce any imprisoned. He was then about 17 years | ticular President. The printing will be write much poetry of any kind, in fact; How oft hereafter rising look for us of age. Now he is 41. The Boston Post done on heavy art paper, with rough the world is full of want and woe and Through this same Garden-and for on says he has been a constant reader ever edges. An attractive style of type will people are selling in Manhattan for \$25

DAYS OF QUILTING.

Aunt Hannah Tells of Her Experiences in the Long Ago-Preparing for the Jolly Quilting Bee

then to disclose bunches of harness, old hats and overalls, and a discarded and forgotten scythe, shadowed upon the wall inside. At the right, beyond the fence of broad, heavy pickets, whose sombre stiffness would be brightened a few weeks later by tall hollyhocks and crowding marigolds, curved the town line road, leading from the passing sedately up the hillside along the old graveyard.

A fitful wind whisked mysteriously arou the old farmhouse, clapping the stable door shut with a bang and again pulling it open slowly, as if an invisible Puck were hearsing in daytime his tricks for the night hour. Now it scurried along the lar wall, lifting a few day leaves that down upon the chicken yard, causing stray piece of paper to flirt jauntily up to a careworn hen whose fluttering brood was driven hither and you in the dismay quilt settled its flapping folds and smoothed the torture of lunatics and the time down its gayly colored border, as you have famine? No. Neither he nor Cassand frock after a rumpling embrace from papa. the pretent to slip back into the past. Wrapped in a warm old "blanket shawl" As to the allegation that poverty loaned by Aunt Hannah, the convalescent never so common, it is a mistake. paced up and own the long, narrow porch, erty never was so uncommon as it is or, venturing down the trembling triplet of this moment. Go to the great centers steps, extended her constitutional far industry and see if it is a starveling comenough along the walk to excite again the pany of workingmen that attend the looms

while she was thinking of the beautiful what the heads of those industries are doquilt, studying its well-planned mosaics of ing for their people, and for all the people, pink, blue and white in detail, and again not merely in wages, but in schools and wondering, too, at the patient skill shown bank cashiers who put away the largest in its construction and musing on the far- savings. Stand on Broadway or any other away time and circumstances of its making street and see how many ragged coats prairie, whose long hours in the little house were so pleasantly and wisely filled with the building of quilts for her future family Aunt Hannah appeared at the door once, twice, and the third time ventured: "Don' That wind is most too cold for you. afraid. It's so freaky I believe there's soon. Guess I'd better take in that quilt So the invalid and the quilt came in. The wind rose, and, reaching out for the clouds, which frowned and darkened at its coming, pulled them down over the graveyard and the road and the cornfield and the stable, and the little chickens shivering in their scanty new garments of down and pin-feathers and the house with the elms and butternuts on the south, and so on till the sun could not see them any more. Then the rain came.

Aunt Hannah folded the quilt, carried it into "the room" and laid it on a shelf in the chimney closet. "It's not exactly the right place to keep a quilt, but I thought you might like to have it handy

ing their highest possibilities of gastro- muring allusions to the nightingale. pan she forbore to question Aunt Hannah | Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" or

ing quilts. Can a person make more than tal literature, all right, all right. The Omar portion to population, wealth or the volume two or three in a lifetime? Did you make Khayyam Idiot makes mysterious allusions of traffic than is needed where checks and that one that was hanging out in the yard to the Rig-edas and the Mahabarata, and drafts are in more general use.-New York I know the Rising Sun' quilt on my | Hafiz bed is something wonderful. Are any other which So it happened that while the rain pattered on the north and east windows the

two women within were absorbed that afternoon, the one in giving out and the other in receiving the lore of quilt-making. Aunt Hannah told how easy and pleasant it was to cut out the pieces from bits of calico using a pattern of stiff paper for share. Perhaps enough for the whole quil can be cut at one sitting and packed neat piles in a box. Then you have a little basket for the patching.

You put pieces enough for several squares pattern is elaborate; you put into it also thimble and scissors, thread and needle. d, putting on a sun bonnet, you across the fields to your cousin's new place and sit with her and patch the squares gether while talking over family or neigh borhood matters. Your cousin, perhaps, sewing carpet rags long strips of wast tacked firmly together and rolled into large supper, having finished enough blocks for half a row. The blocks vary in size, those twelve inches square being perhaps the were, and that it isn't Booze, with a capital clais. Special trains were run from some average. If these are to be joined together B, that he means at all. without plain-color blocks between it will be seen that thirty-six blocks will make a large quilt. Twenty-five is a more usual This will allow a border of "saw tooth" or "wild goose" pattern.

laid aside until a favorable opportunity for quilting bee arrives; or you can piece A Book of Verses underneath the Bough, them together right away and, setting up A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread-and Thou the quilting frames in an unusued room. first stretch the lining upon them, then lay on the cotton and last the patched and when (knowing all the time, of course quilt and baste around the edges firmly, you ask him, or her, what the dickens that as the building is called. whereupon you are ready to quilt. If one gibberish is, he, or she, regards you with a woman does it it will take several days, look of great sadness and inquiries: according to her speed with the needle and it really possible that you are not familiar many years her father was one of the largthe closeness of the design. But the quilt- with your Omar?" The only thing to do est sugar planters in Cuba. War brought ing bee offers such a tempting opportunity under such circumstances is to reply that financial ruin, and Maria Teresa gave up her for the gratification of the social instinct you don't know Omar well enough to bor- own fortune that the credit of the family that it cannot well be resisted .- S. W. H. borrow cigarettes and paper money from him | name might be saved. At the close of the in Chicago Evening Post.

ONE CALF AT A TIME.

'Well, dad," cried the prodigal son flip pantly, 'wouldn't you better go out and "Yes. I guess I will," returned the old man slowly. "One calf is enough to keep at a time."-Harper's Bazar.

A YOUNG FINANCIER.

in Accordance with the Facts-A Favorable Showing.

apiece, and are probably dear at the price. Therefore, the thing to do is to forget toward the future.

rather loudly over the century we thought he quotes the Grape, with an upper-case we had helped to make, and have been G, unceasingly, as if the same were his holding it up to the people of preceding only solace, as it seems to have been of centuries in the hope that they would the kindly old chap who lived over yonder learn humility from our successes. But in Persia such a long time ago; but the while the past century has already start- writer hereof never met a male Omar Khar ed on its travels down the ever darken- yam Idiot who could get outside of two coning aisles of history, with a goodly load secutive high balls without becoming wab of responsibilities on its shoulders, we bly on his pins and beginning to talk like values Over the line was thrown a beautiful would respectfully differ from Mr. Slicer a merry-go-round. Wherefrom it would ap quilt; below stretched a soft carpet of in the belief that its ill-doings were more pear that the Omar Khayyah Idiot is a young blue grass and clover; above arched than its wisdom and good. If the cen- whole heap of a bluff, and that milk and grathe clear, cool sky of early May, with tury was too busy widening the liberties ham wafers are in reality about his size .heaped-up clouds of whitish gray over to- and increasing the wealth of the world to Washington Star. ward the north. Near at hand, at the left, write poetry and tragedies, it has not were the vegetable garden, the chicken wholly failed even on the intellectual side. yard, where a vainglorious turkey spread Let us hold it in a measure of honor that his fan, swelled, glowed and strutted slowly it produced an Emerson. a Tennyson, an for the edification of a chance observer, and Agassiz, Darwin, Huxley and Spencer. the unpainted, weather-bleached stable, Scholarship means something in our day, whose door creaked jerkingly open now and and in the time that Mr. Slicer bewails it did not. It vapored over theological in-As to the advance in all ways that the

world has made in a hundred years, it is less obvious than it would be if we were able to directly contrast conditions at this moment with those of a past age. Would Mr. Slicer really go back to a time when there was not a mile of good road from complete; fears of contraction will in this or any other country, when it was long survive, and with them will be found disrespectful to warm churches, when one beliefs regarding the relation between the traveled on jouncing, comfortless stages, volume of money and the level of prices when one had his teeth pulled without which have but a slender foundation i laughing gas and hi legs cut off without fact. On this line, therefore, a good deal ether, when even statesmen and divines is yet to be said. did not know how to spell, when England assumed the right to stop and search our tion of the world's currency statements ships and impress free citizens into the from the report of the Director of the Mint. navy, when pickpockets gathered in droves | Whether the Director compared the figures at every public function, in spite of the for 1900 with those for 1873, because that hanging penalty that was imposed for al- was the year of the alleged "crime," we are most every crime, when such things as san- not informed, nor is it material; but it is itation, vaccination and isolation of dis- interesting. The table shows that in twenthe beautiful quilt, held firmly to the line by eases were not, when our coasts were hard- ty-seven years that have elapsed since the four clothespins, and jerked and tweaked ly marked by lights, when people went "crimenof 1873" was committed the amount at it spitefully. In the succeeding calm, about their tasks by candle light and knew of gold money in the world has increased while the wind dallied dreamily among the not the uses of oil, electricity, gas or coal? treetops on the other side of the house, the Would he go back to the days of slavery seen a prim little maid rearrange her new nor Mrs. Gummidge would be at peace were

inflammable vanity of the gobbler. All the and the forges and the machines. taking in the artistic effect of the whole, libraries and charities. Ask the saving the outlook seems to have been darkened by dyspepsia.-Brooklyn Eagle.

Very Heavy Account Been Made Against "In a Persian Garden."

The Omar Khayyam Idiot is abroad in th land. Not a few of him, as well as quite a number of her, afflict their friends and time." Then she returned to her cooking, casual acquaintances right here in little old while her visitor rested in a large arm- | Washington. The Omar Khayyam Idiot may softened, if not ornamented, by do- not, and in all likelihood does not, know mestic upholstery of gaudy pattern. As Shelley's musical remarks with reference she watched the delicate little broilers los- to a sensitive plant from Keats's low-murnomic excellence in the inevitable frying Omar Khayyam Idiot, if large extracts from about the quilt; but when the two were III." were handed to him, or her, without seated at table and the preoccupied air the titles of the plays affixed to the extracts, currency. The peasantry and petty tradesof the cook gave way to the genial smile would in all probability not know them from men of France still keep money tucked of the hostess in her entertainer's face the the effusions of the great rag-time poet, away in hiding places instead of depositing Rudyard Kipling. But the Omar Khayyam it in banks, and this involves the posses-"Do please tell me something about mak- Idiot is absolute pals and chums with orien- sion of a larger amount of money in proyourself? Have you any others at all like he seems to know as much about Journal of Commerce. really couldn't have been whole lot, at that, when the old sinner's in-

coherent utterances are taken into consideration. The whole truth of the matter with reference to the Omar Khayyam Idiot probably is that he, and she, has got hold of a 49-cent copy of Fitzgerald's translation of the Rubaivat somewhere or another, ha nemorized the thing from cover to ke the school examination young one wh shouts about the Assyrian coming down the wolf on the fold, and makes a nulsance of himself, and herself, simply because is his, and her, nature to do the same. The Omar Khayyam Idiot, wearing a sort dreamy, sympathetic smile over your bit of spirituality into your coarse explaining his, or her, conception he esoteric, occult meaning of "the entmaker" verses—the Omar Khayyam Idio always says "the old tentmaker" in a fa iliar sort of way, as if his, or her, ances tors who figured in the crusades, were pretty hick with Omar. Nine out of ten of the you that when Omar refers, as he does from he is merely singing symbolically, as it the teachers of Cuba and other school offi-

If you happen to heave a sigh when you're overworked and tired, and say, "By jingo! I wish I could take a day off and skate ou into the country!" the Omar Khayyam Idlot will regard you with an imbecile grimace The patching done, the blocks often are and murmur something about-

Beside me singing in the Wilderness-

-but such a reply would throw awful loads of sadness into the Omar Khayyam Idiot. If somebody you know happens to die and you mention the fact in the presence of the Omar Khayyam Idlot, the latter will Sedgwick. always begin to gurgle something about

The Worldly Hope Men set their Hearts | Washington and to the old home of Mr. Frye Turns Ashes or it prospers; and anon Like Snow upon the Desert's dusty Face. Lighting a little Hour or two-was gone.

If you follow this right up with a quot

before, and that, in short, you have a head and that you think in the future you'll b good, the Omar Khayyam Idiot breaks out with some thing like

Indeed, indeed, Repentance oft before I swore-but was I sober when I swore? And then, and then came Spring, and Rose in-hand My threadbare Penitence apieces tore.

If you happen to be walking under the light of the moon when there's an Omar Khayyam Idiot in the crowd it's better than ten to one that you'll hear something

The Omar Khayyam Idiot is depressing. Khayyam Idiot pretends to take a very you come to the store. Possibly we need some chastening of careless, unconventional view of life, parthis kind, for we have been crowing ticularly the he Omar Khayyam Idlot, and

Unprecedented Increase in Currency During the Past 27 Years, with a Reduction in Values,

While silverism in its cruder forms may now be dismissed from consideration, the made. francial education of the country is far

This paper recently published a compilafourfold. There are probably still some persons who suppose that the action of this country and Germany in that year "struck down half of the world's money," whereas the amount of silver money in the world has increased nearly fourfold in this period. Besides this huge addition to the volume of gold and silver money there has been an increase of about 30 per cent in the uncovered paper, and there has been a very large increase in the rapidity of circulation by the expedition of mails, the extension of telegraphs, and still more by the spread of banks and the use of instruments of credits other than paper money. The vol ume of the three classes of money, excluding other credit instruments,-and credit can affect prices as well as cash, -is nearly three times as large as it was in 1873. The

quantitative theory of money, which peryou meates every form assumed by cheap mo will count an hour-for we doubt if you eyism, demands a rise of prices as a result one. Do thes things and say that a of this immense increase in the supply of century which has made great wealth for money. On the contrary, Sauerbeck's price some and a sufficiency for most, by provid- tables show that from 1867-77 to 1889 there ing hitherto unattainable comforts and ad- was a decline of 28 per cent. The year 1889 vantages for all, was not a good and wise was previous to the Baring troubles and and Christian century. One if governed in the currency panic in this country. In the his outlook upon life by the personal bias. summer of 1896 these financial reverses had here is no escape from it. In Mr. Slicer's exerted their maximum effect and prices had reached their lowest point, a decline or more than 40 per cent from the level of the period covering six years before and four years after 1873. "Bradstreet's" index figures show a gain in prices of about 30 per cent since the summer of 1896, but we take it that no one will seriously urge that this was due to the increased volume of money in view of the decline before 1896 when the volume of money was also increasing. Reducing "Bradstreet's" present figures to the basis of Sauerbeck's, prices are now about 23 per cent lower than they were twenty-seven years ago, when the volume of gold money was only a quarter of what it is now, the volume of silver money not much more than a quarter of what it is now, and the volume of uncovered paper was about a quarter less than

> In the table of the per capita distribution of money it is shown that the amount in Great Britain is \$17.46; in this country, \$26.21, and in France, \$37.08. The ratio between these figures evidently has no connection with wealth, or the volume of business. or the degree of prosperity; it simply reflects the relative use of bank checks

GREAT SOCIAL EVENT.

The Ceremony Attending the Frye-Arruebarrena Wedding in Cuba.

Alexis E. Frye, superintendent of public is parriage to Senorita Maria Teresa Arrue- twenty-four different kinds from fine flour arrena, a school teacher of Cardenas, and island. It was the first social event of its kind in the history of Cuba. Mr. Frye is the first American, occupying a non-political position of any kind, who has won and wed a Cuban woman, and the festivities which attended the wedding marked it as the greatest social function Cuba has known twenty years. The marriage in itself was simple, but the reception and dance which followed were attended by upwards of 1000 people, including General Wood and his staff, some of the high civil officials. and a great many teachers from all parts of

Cuba and their friends. The military governor kindly offered the Quemados, which was occupied by General of the most important cities, and the building, although having a capacity of 1500 to 2000, proved too small for the occasion. The Seventh Cavalry Band furnished music from the plazza in front of the building, and as a result of Mr. Frye's recent appeal to the Cuban people to remove from their national hymn words expressing hatred toward Spain-an appeal to which the Cuban people have happily responded—the Spanish Club of Havana offered the use of the Spanish band. the best musical organization in the city. and that band furnished music for the dancing, which took place in the three large mar-

ble floored salons of the Quinte Duranona Senorita Maria Teresa Arruebarrena was born in Cardenas twenty-two years ago. For in Cuba, she became a teacher in Cardenas, went north last June with Mr. Frye on the

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